(a) whether it is a fact that the special Auditors, appointed by DoT to audit the books of M/s Reliance Communications Limited to check the revenue leakage has given its reports;

(b) if so, the detailed findings of this report;

(c) whether the DoT has forwarded this report to other Ministries/Departments *viz.* Serious frauds Investigation Office, Corporate Affairs, SEBI, ICAI, etc. due to violations of their respective laws/regulations; and

(d) if so, by when Government intent to close the investigation and take the action against the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This auditor assigned the task of audit in respect of Reliance Communications Ltd. (RCOM) has reported under-reporting of revenue and thereby under-payment of License Fee and Spectrum Charges by the company for the Financial Years 2006-07 and 2007-08. The observations made by the special auditor are under examination of the Department.

(c) No, Sir. The special audit was ordered with specific terms of reference to determine the correct payment of License Fee/Spectrum Charges as per the terms and conditions of telecom license and the Auditor's report is under examination at present.

(d) The Government intends to complete its examination by the end of January 2010 and will take action as per findings of the examination thereafter.

ByCell Telecommunications India

3103. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DoT has barred ByCell Telecommunications India from offering telecom services, after finding evidence of violation of Russian federal laws against its Russian owners;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the license of ByCell has been cancelled;

(d) if so, whether Government has conducted any investigation on other telecom licencees having partners in countries such as Pakistan and Afganistan; and

(e) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) to (c) M/s ByCell Telecommunications India Private limited has Letters of Intent dated 27.02.2008 for provision of Unified Access Services (UAS) License in five telecom circles of Assam, Bihar-Jharkhand, North East, West Bengal and Orissa. They had

Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) approvals for bringing in 74% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from M/s ByCell Holding AG, Switzerland. Subsequently, all FIPB approvals granted to M/s ByCell Telecommunications India Private Limited were revoked by the FIPB on the basis of objections raised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) from the security angles. On withdrawal of security clearance by MHA and FDI approval granted to M/s ByCell Telecommunications India Private Limited, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is considering the cancellation of Letters of Intent for all the five circles subject to the final outcome of W.P. (U) No. 8989 of 2009 before Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the matter of' M/s ByCell Telecommunications India versus Union of India'.

(d) to (e) The Government does not conduct investigation on telecom licensees except for security clearance by MHA in all the Foreign Direct Investment proposals, having FDI more than 49% and upto 74% where FIPB clearance is required. The comments of MHA are dully considered by FIPB.

Bid for supply of equipments of mobile phone

3104. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICA-TIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an integrity panel set up by the Central Vigilance Commission has endorsed BSNL's decision to disqualify on technical grounds a bid for supply of equipments for 93 million mobile phone connections;

(b) if so, whether the BSNL is in the process of price negotiation with rival combind bidder;

(c) whether the umbrella body representing all employee unions of BSNL has alleged delay in implementation of expansion plans which is mainly due to litigation initiated by bidders; and

(d) if so, Government's reactions thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) Sir, M/s NSN had *inter-alia* submitted their bids for part 1 and part II in North Zone for 25 million lines. However, their bids were found substantively non responsive on techno commercial grounds. M/s NSN had approached Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana. The said court disposed their petition with the direction that final decision may be taken after scrutiny by Independent External Monitors (IEM) set up as per the guidelines of Central Vigilance Commission. The IEM has endorsed BSNL's decision in this regard.

(b) Sir, BSNL is in the process of price negotiations with M/s Ericsson in North Zone for part I & part II of the tender.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) BSNL is pursuing the litigation cases.

Telephone to all revenue villages

3105. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNI-CATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: